

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-18 are presented below, with claims 1, 3-4, 6-7, and 9-18 pending. As shown below, claims 1, 4, 7, 10-11, and 13-18 have been amended.

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Cont 1. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus which has a graphic user interface adopting windows and which is capable of selecting and operating any of a plurality of application programs, said information processing apparatus comprising:

image pickup means for picking up an image of an object;

detecting means for detecting operations performed by a user; and

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controlling means for controlling an application program so that said application program is activated to pick up said image when said detecting means detects operations; and

a push button;

wherein said detecting means detects a first operation and a second operation performed by said user and both the first operation and the second operation are performed using the same said push button, and

wherein said controlling means activates a window for said application program for picking up said image when said detecting means detects said first operation, said controlling means further causing said image pickup means to pick up said image and ~~storing~~ store said picked up image when said detecting means detects said second operation.

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3. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said first operation is a half-push button operation and said second operation is a full-push button operation.

4. (Currently Amended) An information processing method for use with a graphic user interface adopting windows and capable of selecting and operating any of a plurality of application programs, said information processing method comprising the steps of:

picking up an image of an object;

detecting operations performed by a user using a push button; and

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controlling an application program so that said application program is activated to pick up said image when operations are detected in said detecting step;

wherein said detecting step detects a first operation and a second operation performed by said user and both the first operation and the second operation are performed using the same said push button, and

wherein said controlling step activates a window for said application program for picking up said image when said detecting step detects said first operation, said controlling step further causing said image pickup step to pick up said image and ~~storing~~ store said picked up image when said detecting step detects said second operation.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) An information processing method according to claim 4, wherein said first operation is a half-push button operation and said second operation is a full-push button operation.

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7. (Currently Amended) A storage medium for storing a program in a manner readable by an information processing apparatus which has a graphic user interface adopting windows and which is capable of selecting and operating any of a plurality of application programs, said program allowing said information processing apparatus to execute an information processing method comprising the steps of:

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picking up an image of an object;

detecting operations performed by a user using a push button; and

controlling an application program so that said application program is activated to pick up said image when operations are detected in said detecting step;

wherein said detecting step detects a first operation and a second operation performed by said user and both the first operation and the second operation are performed using ~~the same~~ said push button, and

wherein said controlling step activates a window for said application program for picking up said image when said detecting step detects said first operation, said controlling step further causing said image pickup step to pick up said image and ~~storing~~ store said picked up image when said detecting step detects said second operation.

8. (Canceled)

9. (Previously Presented) A storage medium according to claim 7, wherein said first operation is a half-push button operation and said second operation is a full-push button operation.

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10. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:
said controlling means holds ~~an~~ a still image picked up by said image pickup means for preview in the activated window for said application program while said first operation is performed.

said controlling means causes said image pick up means to store said still image when said second operation is detected, and

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the activated window for said application program displays said still image as picked up by said image pickup means when said first operation is detected.

11. (Currently Amended) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein if said application program for picking up said image is not active when said detecting means detects said first operation, before said controlling means activates a window for said application program for picking up said image, said controlling means boots said application program when said detecting means detects said first operation.

12. (Previously Presented) An information processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said controlling means begins storing a motion image picked up by said image pickup means when said detecting means detects said second operation, and said controlling means stops storing said motion image when said detecting means detects said second operation again.

13. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to claim 4, wherein:
said controlling ~~means~~step holds ~~an a~~ a still image picked up by said image pickup
~~means~~step for preview in the activated window for said application program while said first
operation is performed,

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said controlling step causes said still image to be stored when said second operation is
detected, and

the activated window for said application program displays said still image as picked up
when said first operation is detected.

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14. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to claim 4, wherein if
said application program for picking up said image is not active when said detecting ~~means~~step
detects said first operation, before said controlling ~~means~~step activates a window for said
application program for picking up said image, said controlling ~~means~~step boots said application
program when said detecting step detects said first operation.

15. (Currently Amended) An information processing method according to claim 4, wherein said
controlling ~~means~~step begins storing a motion image picked up by said image pickup ~~means~~step
when said detecting ~~means~~step detects said second operation, and said controlling ~~means~~step
stops storing said motion image when said detecting ~~means~~step detects said second operation
again.

16. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 7, wherein:

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said controlling ~~means~~step holds ~~an~~ a still image picked up by said image pickup ~~means~~step for preview in the activated window for said application program while said first operation is performed,

said controlling step causes said still image to be stored when said second operation is detected, and

the activated window for said application program displays said still image as picked up when said first operation is detected.

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17. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 7, wherein if said application program for picking up said image is not active when said detecting ~~means~~step detects said first operation, before said controlling ~~means~~step activates a window for said application program for picking up said image, said controlling ~~means~~step boots said application program when said detecting step detects said first operation.

18. (Currently Amended) A storage medium according to claim 7, wherein said controlling ~~means~~step begins storing a motion image picked up by said image pickup ~~means~~step when said detecting ~~means~~step detects said second operation, and said controlling ~~means~~step stops storing said motion image when said detecting ~~means~~step detects said second operation again.